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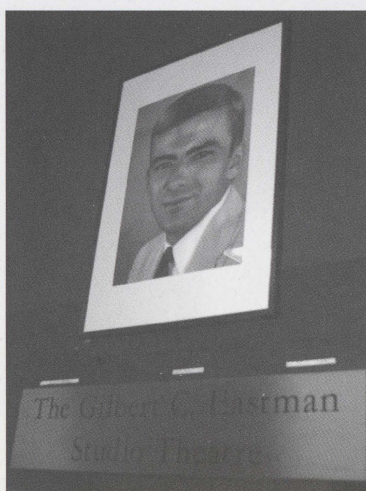
Q. Which play, performed by Gallaudet's Dramatics Club, was the first signed Broadway show? Hint: Eric Malzkahn, who played the lead role, was sought out and complimented by actor Boris Karloff, the original star of the play.

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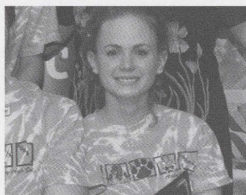


The late deaf theater giant Gilbert Eastman was honored April 6 with a tribute to his accomplishments and a ceremony to formally name the black box theatre in Elstad Annex the Gilbert C. Eastman Studio Theatre (left). The events took place before the opening of the Theatre Arts Department's performance of Eastman's play, *Sign Me Alice*—which, coincidentally, debuted on the same date in 1973.

The tribute was emceed by Mary Lou Novitsky, who co-hosted the noted television show "Deaf Mosaic" with Eastman, and deaf filmmaker Peter Wolf. The ceremony featured a film retrospective of Eastman's life and special memories of him by several guest speakers. Pictured at the Eastman Studio Theatre dedication, which was led by Willy Conley, Theatre Arts Department chair, are (from left): President Robert Davila, Eastman's wife, June, and daughters Alison Appenzeller, and Ingrid Amos.



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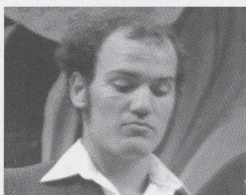
Abbi Simmons is a member of the John Hersey High School (Ill.) Academic Bowl team, winners of the 2007 national competition.



Michael Hubbs is an Aqua-Bison record breaker.



Anita Marchitelli was chosen for this year's *Tower Clock* dedication at Awards Day.



Student actor Joseph Pfaff performs as Dr. Zeno in a recent production of *Sign Me Alice*.



Roxanne Dummert checks out colorful wares at the April 13 UnityFest.

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Groundbreaking ceremony held for James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center



It took a group effort to dig up the ceremonial first shovelful of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony for the James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center. Pictured (from left) are: Pamela Holmes, chair of the Board of Trustees; James Levoy Sorenson, chair of the Sorenson Legacy Foundation; Dr. Thomas Allen, dean of the Graduate School and Professional Programs; Dr. MJ Bienvenu, chair of the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies; James Lee Sorenson, vice chair of Sorenson Development, Inc.; Cathy Sweet-Windham, executive director of Institutional Advancement; Pat Nola, president and CEO of Sorenson Communications; President Robert Davila; Andy Lange, president of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association; Noah Beckman, president of the Student Body Government; and Cristen Szymanski, president of the Graduate Student Association.

Blustering winds and ominous skies weren't enough to deter a large crowd from witnessing a key moment in Gallaudet history at an April 4 groundbreaking ceremony for the James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center (SLCC).

The SLCC will represent a significant milestone for Gallaudet. When it opens in 2008, the SLCC will be the first building on Kendall Green to reflect the visu-centric values of the deaf community. It serve as a model of academic collaboration for departments working together on teaching and research. In addition, the SLCC will redefine Gallaudet's position as the world's leader in advancing the culture and language of deaf people.

Although site work for the building actually began several weeks ago, the ceremony provided

an opportunity to express gratitude to business leaders and philanthropists James Lee Sorenson, vice chair of Sorenson Development, Inc., for whom the building is named, and his father, James Levoy Sorenson, chair of the Sorenson Legacy Foundation. The Sorensons have given a total of \$6 million gifts to the SLCC. Also recognized for their leadership towards making the SLCC become a reality were President Emeritus I. King Jordan and planning committee co-chairs Dr. MJ Bienvenu, Dr. Thomas Allen, and Cathy Sweet-Windham.

President Robert Davila said that the "ASL foundation" Gallaudet was built on 143 years ago has been further strengthened through the University's partnership with Sorenson. He called

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Dr. MJ Bienvenu, co-chair of the SLCC planning committee, chats with graduate students Robert Sirvage and Cristen Szymanski at the groundbreaking ceremony.

GCRC, University receive recognition from City Council

Each year, the Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC) holds its Awards and Recognition Program on campus to recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to improve the quality of life for residents of the Near Northeast community.

On April 14 at its 24th annual awards ceremony, the GCRC was pleasantly surprised to find itself on the receiving end when Ward 5 Councilmember Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr. made the unexpected presentation of a resolution to the GCRC and the Gallaudet administra-

tion on behalf of the Council of the District of Columbia. The resolution "recognizes and honors the Gallaudet Community Relations Council for its role in improving the quality of life for the residents of the Near Northeast community and for strengthening the relationship between Gallaudet University and the Community." The resolution further states that the GCRC "has increased the community's awareness of Gallaudet University and its purpose, brought many residents together with the Gallaudet University Campus, given advice regarding University plans affecting the

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Administration & Finance

New Town at Capital City Market project

D.C. Government seeks input about market redevelopment

Most of us at Gallaudet are familiar with the warehouses and businesses adjacent to the Gallaudet campus on the other side of 6th Street. Perhaps the most well-known location there is Litteri's, where many a hungry member of the Gallaudet community goes to visit a great Italian deli.

The city government is interested in developing that area into a planned community of housing, retail, wholesale, recreational and government facilities, and other uses. The D.C. Council enacted legislation last December titled "New Town at Capital City Market Revitalization Development and Public/Private Partnership Emergency Act of 2006." The legislation identifies the area as an approximately 24-acre site bounded by Florida Avenue on the south, 6th Street on the east, Penn Street on the north, and the railroad tracks and Metro rail on the west. The legislation directs the mayor to work with the developer, the affected community, and the

landowners and renters of the Capital City Market to develop a Final Conceptual Plan and an agreement with the developer within 180 days of the legislation.

Gallaudet owns about 3.7 acres of land on that site, making it the largest landowner there. University officials have been working with the D.C. government and other interested parties to ensure its interests are made known.

The University is committed to ensuring that our community continues to be informed and given opportunities to provide input regarding this legislation. On April 24, the D.C. Office of Planning hosted a public meeting on our campus, which members of the Gallaudet community had an opportunity to attend for an update on the project and to provide their input.

This is an important time for Gallaudet and the surrounding neighborhood. If the D.C. government's plan to revitalize the site as a mixed-use area is successful, it could be a positive thing for both the University and the neighborhood. From Gallaudet's perspective, it would provide members of the campus community walking access to shopping, dining, entertainment, and recreational facilities. While the possibilities are exciting, the campus community needs to remember that the planning is in the very preliminary stages and there is no guarantee that the site will be developed in the way the legislation calls for.



D.C. Ward 5 Council Member Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr. makes his comments at the April 24 public meeting on the Florida Avenue Market Study. Thomas thanked Gallaudet for hosting the meeting with his own round of deaf applause. Also pictured (from left) are: GIS interpreter Jamie Yost, Deborah Crain, Ward 5 Neighborhood Planning coordinator, and Harriet Tregoning, director of the D.C. Office of Planning.

University officials are hopeful that with the involvement of members of the Gallaudet community and collaboration of interested stakeholders, Gallaudet can help the DC government carry out a plan that will be a win-win for everyone.

Anyone at Gallaudet who would like more information about this issue can contact Fred Weiner at fred.weiner@gallaudet.edu or Connie Allen at connie.allen@gallaudet.edu. ■

SLCC groundbreaking

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the Sorensons "true friends and supporters of Gallaudet," and added that the SLCC would not have been possible without their "passion and commitment to deaf people and to Gallaudet University." Dr. Davila also extended his thanks on behalf of the University to Pat Nola, president and CEO of Sorenson Communications, for its investment in the deaf community.

Board of Trustees Chair Pamela Holmes commented that when the board was asked four years ago to approve a capital campaign to raise \$28 million for the SLCC, "of course, we supported it, but we had no idea exactly what [the SLCC] would come to represent at Gallaudet." As plans progressed, she said, "We realized it is not just a new building—it is so much more. ... This truly is exciting! And, it's happening right here at Gallaudet."

Also addressing the crowd were Student Body Government President Noah Beckman and Graduate Student Association President Christen Szymanski. Both praised the project for its emphasis on students, and predicted that it will be an ideal place for students of all backgrounds to gather for learning and socializing.

Saying "We believe in Gallaudet University," James Lee Sorenson added, "I believe in making advances in education through technology, and I am happy to partner on such a significant opportunity." He called the SLCC "a model we can all be proud of." James Levoy Sorenson, one of America's premier biotechnology pioneers entrepreneur, said that of the many projects he has been involved in over the years, "[the SLCC] might be the greatest of all." ■

Sorenson gives two additional \$1 million donations to SLCC

Gallaudet announced two \$1 million donations from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation and Sorenson Communications, Inc. at the April 4 groundbreaking for the James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center (SLCC).

The SLCC, set to open in 2008, will create a visu-centric space for collaborative learning, teaching, and research in an environment supported by and created from Gallaudet's commitment to American Sign Language and visual learning. The building will serve not only as a model for academic collaboration at Gallaudet but will also serve as an architectural exemplar for all future construction projects at the University.

Gallaudet launched the \$28 million campaign to construct the language and communication center in January 2004. So far, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation has donated \$3 million, and Sorenson Communication Inc. has given \$4 million.

"The SLCC is very much a deaf and ASL-centered building which promotes collaborative efforts in teaching, learning, research and service and we are honored to have such important and generous benefactors as the Sorenson Legacy Foundation and Sorenson Communications," President Robert Davila said. "The planning of the SLCC marks the first time in history where deaf people provided this level of in-depth input on the visual-centered nature of the building. All designs were developed with the understanding that ASL will be the primary face-to-face language used in the building."

The University plans to move several departments under one roof, with the goal of fostering coordinated efforts across academic disciplines. The SLCC will house the following departments:

- ASL and Deaf Studies
- Communication Studies
- Government and History
- Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences
- Linguistics
- Sociology

In addition to these academic departments, the SLCC will also have a student media center, classrooms, collaboration rooms, video relay service booths, and house Gallaudet's Hearing and Speech Center. There are also plans underway to create a deaf history timeline in the building that will recognize and celebrate the richness of deaf culture and the community.

Gallaudet Fact—

A. The play was *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a show characterized by a 1942 *Newsweek* article as "a gentle tale of murder." Several adjustments were made to the play, according to that article, including using "luminous paint" on the actors' hands for scenes that take place in the dark.

Source: Article from *Newsweek*, May 18, 1942, as reprinted in *Our Heritage: Gallaudet College Centennial*, 1964.

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In this scene from Gilbert Eastman's *Sign Me Alice*, Alice (alumna Tami Lee Santimeyer) scrutinizes linguistic notes made by Dr. Zeno (student Joseph Pfaff) while Dr. Ylivasaker (student Paul Dymoke) looks on.

Going, Going, Gone!

Roommate: One female, nonsmoking roommate wanted to share 2-BR apt. with same, located near campus, \$600/mo. Email yiqiao.wang@gallaudet.edu.

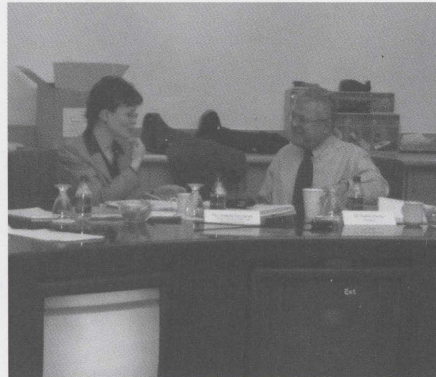
Roommate: Wanted to share condo w/nonsmoking female student in Germantown, Md., avail. now, \$700/mo. inc. util., one-year lease, private bedroom, no pets or children, email co9let12te@yahoo.com.



(Above) Campus community members got a step dance lesson from student Aaron Loggins (foreground) at UnityFest on April 13. (Below) Graduate students Andrew Jones and Roxanne Dummett check out the colorful wares for sale. The festival was a full day of celebration of many cultures. Booths for community-based organizations, ethnic foods, and arts and crafts dotted the quad while music and dance performances entertained the crowd. The event was hosted by Multicultural Student Programs.



U.S. Department of Education representatives visit Gallaudet as part of new monitoring plan



Annette Reichman, director/liaison in the Office of Special Institutions, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, pictured with President Davila, and Mark Snyderman, senior budget analyst, visited Gallaudet from the U.S. Department of Education as part of a new monitoring plan.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Education made an onsite visit to Gallaudet April 16 and 17. Mark Snyderman, senior budget analyst, and Annette Reichman, director/liaison of the Office of Special Institutions, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and a member of Gallaudet's Class of 1983, came to campus as part of a newly-developed monitoring plan created by Gallaudet

and the Department of Education.

Throughout the two-day meeting, Snyderman and Reichman interacted with members of the campus community, including the President's Management Team, the Academic Affairs Unit Administrators, and representatives of the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services (CAPSS). Four areas of discussion were addressed: compliance with governing documents, specifically the Education of the Deaf Act; use of federal funds; assessment of quality of the data collected for the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and other program data for the Federal Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART); and monitoring of programs designed to increase student persistence in the first year.

The monitoring plan, which is similar to plans developed for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf and the American Printing House for the Blind, is a response to the PART report made by the Office of Management and Budget. The Department of Education representatives will write a report of this visit and share it with the community, which can then make a formal response. ■

Among Ourselves

Gallaudet Interpreting Service Interpreter **Mary Lightfoot** was inducted into the Asbury Park (N.J.) Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on April 13 during a ceremony in West Long Branch, N.J. Inclusion into the Hall of Fame is based on professional achievement as well as community work. The goal is to provide role models to current students at Asbury Park High School. Lightfoot, a 1974 graduate of the high school, was one of 14 fourteen alumni will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year.

Dr. Caroline Solomon, assistant professor in the Department of Biology, has been selected to receive this year's Ph.D. Award from the College Park, Md. branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on May 12. The AAUW and its Educational Foundation advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

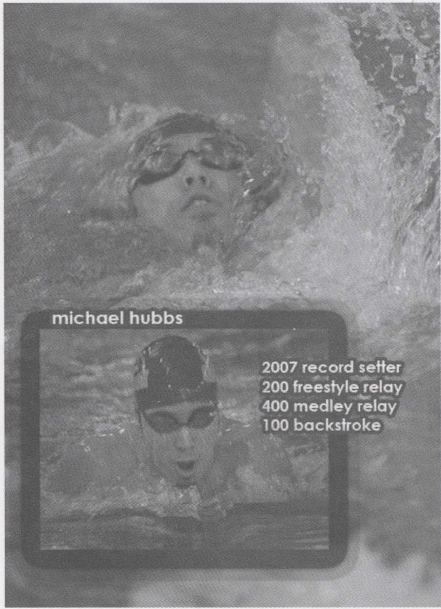
Isaac Agboola, chair of the Department of Business, discussed his department, how business majors start their careers, and what Gallaudet graduates can do with their degrees in a *BusinessWeek* interview in April. The interview can be found on BusinessWeek.com by searching the keyword "Agboola."



First Year Experience honored outstanding students with the distinction of "Fantastic First Years" on April 13. The program also honored Dr. Steven Chough, adjunct professor, with an award for Outstanding First Year Advocate. Pictured here are (from left): (front row) Eileen Matthews, associate dean of CAPSS, Amy Siebert, Quintin Smith, Bregitt Jimenez, Kathryn Jones, Chough, Hsiu-Chia Cheng, Meiyu Chan, Tamara Ward, Erika Ruth, Provost Michael Moore, (back row) Carl Pramuk, dean of Student Affairs, Rachel Steingieser, Trista Langford, Glen Freake, Lance Gonzalez, Seth Gore, Calvin Farley, Meredith Burke, Christiana Collazo, Carl Borsotti, and Nicole Fuchser. Not pictured are Salvador Acevedo, Katrina Clark, Christiana Doriety, Amanda Krieger, Amber LaForce, Jacob Leffler, Adam LeMay, Jessica Malone, Bonnie Mueller, Jenna Owens, Carrie St. Cyr, Janessa Wegner, Justin Wilson, and Leif Young.

Athlete Profile

Michael Hubbs: Aqua-Bison



Michael Hubbs

By Oscar Ocuto

This Aqua-Bison is a relative newcomer to swimming, having only begun his swim career at age 18. Hubbs swam for the Dallas Mustang Club while taking classes at Eastfield (Mesquite, Tex.) Community College, then took a two-year hiatus. At the end of his “sabbatical,” Michael transferred to Gallaudet, with a new environment, new life, and better access to communication in mind.

At age 24, Hubbs has already made a name for himself in Bison athletics; he has broken the record for the 100-yard backstroke, with a time of 1:00.64 (nearly one minute flat); and been a part of two record-breaking relay teams, the 200-yard medley relay with fellow Aqua-Bison Kris Lauderbaugh, Scott Madsden, and Ben Taylor, clocking 1:54.88, and the 400-yard freestyle relay, where a 3:39.21 time was clocked. (Scott Madsden was replaced by Ryan Kobylarz.) Hubbs also owns the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke records, with times of 1:06.0 and 2:29.0.

So how does a newcomer to the pool go from rookie to record-breaking swimmer in just six years? “My motivation is knowing what I want out of life and going after it,” said Hubbs. “I’m not satisfied with my times, I want to complete the ‘100 back’ in 46, 47 seconds before I graduate from Gallaudet.”

Hubbs’ performances at the Capital Athletic Conference Swim Championships are what brought him into the Athlete of the Month Spotlight. He broke three Gallaudet swimming records in that meet alone (individually and as part of a team).

Away from the pool, Hubbs enjoys sport bikes and cars—so much so that he has foraged into the world of the self-made entrepreneur. Hubbs Luxury Motors is owned and operated by Hubbs, with the goal of becoming successful enough so that he can pursue his Christian faith in helping other less privileged individuals through hard times. He is engaged to Jessica, whom he met at Gallaudet.

Hubbs admires U.S. Olympic swimmer Ian Crocker and tries to emulate his discipline in the pool. “His commitment and motivation are what make him stand out; to me, he is undefeatable,” said Hubbs. “However, I need a sense of balance in my life, so I spread my time between practice, school, my fiancée and working out.”

Hubbs graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf after spending most of his schooling in the mainstream program. He had at one point been a speed skater, from ages 9 to 17, competing against young world-class skaters in the Laser Speed and Dallas/Fort Worth Speed Clubs. He is majoring in business administration, where he is applying much of what he learns to running Hubbs Luxury Motors. “I want to benefit humanity, helping others, and giving to others—supporting causes,” he said. “Again, my motivation comes from knowing what I want out of life.”

This speedy Aqua-Bison has a year and half to graduate, so be sure to catch him in the pool, with his eyes set on breaking more swimming records. He will participate in the Swim Championships this month in Michigan, and has aspirations of being a Deaflympic swimmer, only if “it all works out in the bigger picture of life.”

Look for Hubbs to return next season with more experience, commitment and dedication. Coach Bill Snape added, “He has a lot of talent that is just now coming into bloom, I’m excited to have Michael back next year.” ■



Ben Moore, *Tower Clock* editor-in-chief, shares with the Awards Day audience on April 17 all of the many attributes that make Anita Marchitelli, associate professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, an ideal choice for this year’s *Tower Clock* dedication.

Campus Calendar

May

2-5—Spring semester final exams

9—Installation of Robert R. Davila as Gallaudet’s ninth president, 3:30 p.m., Field House

10—Presentation by international expert on teaching and learning, 9 a.m., JSAC 1101

10-11—Board of Trustees meeting, GUKCH

11—Commencement exercises, 1:30 p.m., Field House; Blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., KDES parking lot

19—Remembrances of Geoff Mathay, former Career Center employee, 1-4 p.m., JSAC



(Above) Interim Provost Michael Moore recognizes Executive Director of Academic Technology Cynthia King for 20 years of service to the University at a March 28 meeting of the Academic Affairs Unit Administrators. (Below) Pictured with Dr. Moore and Dr. King at the meeting are (from left): Graduate School and Professional Programs Dean Thomas Allen; Enrollment Services Executive Director Deborah DeStefano; Honors Program Director Shirley Shultz-Myers; College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies Dean Karen Kimmel; and University Librarian Leida Torres.



Dr. Jan Hafer (sixth from left), a professor in the Department of Education, is congratulated by Dr. Carol Erting, chair, and her fellow faculty members in the department, for 15 years of service to the University.

Awards Day honors recipients listed

The following individuals received honors at Awards Day, "Recognizing our Community of Excellence," held April 17 in the Kellogg Conference Hotel:

Alumni Scholarship Awards

Deaf President Now—Robert McConnell, Sara Collins

Kappa Gamma—Tyler DeShaw, Lance Gonzalez, Alvaro Jimenez, Jonah Meehan

Linwood Smith—LaToya Dixon, Candace Jones, Dionne Sumes

National Organization of Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority, Phi Kappa Zeta—Catherine Higgins, Elizabeth Hortie, Megan Klusza, Kandace Morris, Amelia Mowl

Academic School and Department Awards

Department of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies: *Marie J. Philip*—Jenny Cooper; *Laurent Clerc*—Jonathan Scherling

Department of Art: *Overall Excellence in Art*—Brian Galapin; *Outstanding Senior*—Kitty Elovsson, Shelia Flurer-Evans, Kenny Garcia, Chris Kabusk, Jacob Lowe, Michael Nesmith, Matthew Vita, Wei Wang

Department of Biology: *Walter Krug*—Patrick Conway, Rebecca Lehman, Pia Marie Paulone, Julia Velasquez

Department of Business: *Academic Excellence*—Stephen DaSilva, David Farias, Andres Piedrahita, Fouad Shenouda; *"Wall Street Journal" Student Achievement*—Rian Gayle; *Joseph Mattivi*—Victor Yu; *Dr. Frank B. Sullivan*—Stephen DaSilva

Department of Chemistry and Physics: *General Chemistry Award*—Adam Janisieski; *Charles R. Ely Award in Chemistry*—Stacey Jones; *Charles R. Ely Award for Women in Science*—Rebecca Lehman, Pia Marie Paulone

Department of Communication Studies: *Alice M. Teegarden Memorial*—Haydee Garcia, Jessica Kuehne; *Lambda Pi Eta Society Inductees*—Krystle Berrigan, Rita Ann DeBono, Haydee Garcia, Socorro Garcia, Matthew Gilsbach, Megan Klusza, Jessica Kuehne

Department of Education: *Metamorphosis*—Akilah English, Jessica Von Garrel; *Estelle Shelton*—Latoya Dixon, Elizabeth Martinez; *Lenore Goldman Memorial*—Dyane Adamson, Danielle Henkel; *Anderson*—Rachelle O'Grady; *Dorothy S. Jordan Memorial*—Latoya Dixon, Elizabeth Martinez

Department of English: *MacDougall Creative Writing*—Kathleen Roberts (1st), Leah Katz-Hernandez (2nd), Jiayi Zhou (3rd); *Lillian Gourley Rakow Creative Writing*—Jeffrey Peterson (senior), Lindsay Henderson (junior), Joshua Feldman (sophomore)

Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: *Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Honor Society*—Imran Hakamali, Jin Pae Woo; *German Studies Program Stipend*—Jenee Alleman, Gerald Eichler, Rachel Hollis, Elizabeth Hurd, Merry Jones, Tyler Kerger, Melissa Mills, Jenna Owens, Stephanie Smith, Carrie St. Cyr

Department of Government and History: *The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War History Writing Award*—Kallie Williams; *Women's Studies/Women's Leadership Training Institute*—Arlyn Penaranda

Department of Mathematics: *Leon Auerbach Freshman Mathematics*—Victor Cornejo-Adrianzen

Department of Physical Education and Recreation: *The Dorothy Hamberg Memorial Leadership*—Elizabeth Hortie

Department of Psychology: *Outstanding Psychology Major*—Dru Carver-Brown; *Most Inspirational Psychology Major*—Annalyn Artita; *Psi Chi Inductees 2006-2007 Undergraduate Psychology*—Jenee Alleman, Kristy Borsotti, Dru Carver-Brown, Travis Clevenger, Megan Dippold, Kandace Morris, Charity Sanders, Shannon Swank, Michele Todd, Brianne Weber; *School Psychology and Clinical Psychology*—Elizabeth Adams, Adam Brownfield, Lori Day, Leslie Klein, Leah Murphy, Christen Szymanski

Department of Social Work: *The Dorothy Polakoff Award for Highest GPA*—Jessica Swecker; *Professional Development*—Baranda Johnson

Department of Sociology: *Sociology Department Annual Award*—Allison Bradley; *Alpha Kappa Delta International Society*—Rachel Burton, Sara Collins, Anastasia Greenberg, Kayce Quartermass, Milana Grinman, Jennifer O'Leary, Michele Todd

Department of Theatre Arts: *Outstanding Contribution in Production*—Michael Gonzales, Jennifer O'Leary, Robin Shannon; *Outstanding Contribution in Performance*—Martin Dale-Hench, Laurette Evringham, Joseph Pfaff; *Outstanding Contribution in Design*—Jonathan Ferrer, Russell Harvard; *Outstanding Contribution to*

the Theatre Arts Department—Aaron Loggins; *Theatre Arts Logo Contest*—Jiayi Zhou

Office of Admissions: *Student Ambassadors of the Year*—Matthew Gilsbach, Mark Ramirez

Center for Academic Programs and Student Services: *Internship Hall of Fame and Mattivi Award*—Rebecca Lehman, Michelle Sherbondy, Andrea Watson

Outstanding First Year Students Award—Seth Gore, Bregitt Jimenez, Jacob Leffler, Erica Ruth, Carrie St. Cyr, Rachel Steingieser, Justin Wilson

Dedicated Faculty Award—Jean Berube

Dedicated Staff Award—Todd Byrd

Student of the Year Awards—Natalie Charles, Jiayi Zhou

Organization of the Year—Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Student Volunteers of the Year—Arthur Everett, Ashley Locke, Amy Ringhofer

Student Organization Awards

The Buff and Blue: *Writer of the Year*—Andrew Greenman; *Staff Member of the Year*—Calvin Doudt

Delta Epsilon Sorority: *Woman of Worth*—Dr. Pilar Pinar; *Man of Merit*—Johnston Grindstaff; *Ideal Female Student of the Year*—Jessica Kuehne; *Ideal Male Student of the Year*—Ryan Commerson

Kappa Gamma Fraternity: *Faculty/Staff of the Year*—Dr. Joseph Kinner

Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority: *Agatha Tiegel Hanson Award*—Shannon Grossinger; *Leonard M. Elstad Award*—Jessica Kuehne

Student Congress: *Senator of the Year*—Jason Bailey; *Motivated Senator Award*—Trevor Baldwin

Student Body Government: *Julia J. Chung Memorial Award*—Jacob Leffler; *Barbara Schell Award for Total Leadership*—Victoria Calaman; *Stanley Benowitz Award for Total Leadership*—Andres Piedrahita; *Student Worker of the Year*—Taurean Burt; *Andrew M. Lowitz Memorial Award*—Ian Jones; *Faculty Member of the Year*—Dr. Cheryl Wu

Tower Clock: *Worker of the Year*—Justin Jackson

University Awards

Agatha T. Hanson Service Award—Natalie Charles

Reginald F. Lewis Award—Ryan Leon, Jacqueline McMall

Thomas S. Marr Award—Susanna Krige, Pia Marie Paulone, Drew Robarge

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Award—Travis Clevenger, Haydee Garcia

President's Council Award—Pia Marie Paulone

Tower Clock 2007 Dedication—Anita Marchitelli

The Awards Day program is sponsored by the offices of the president, provost, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies, and associate dean of the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services, and Faculty Committee C. ■



The team from John Hersey High School in Illinois won the annual Academic Bowl competition. President Davila posed for a picture with the winning team (from left): back row—Gail Bedessem (coach), student Shaun Levine, Mandy Christian, Midwest regional coordinator; front row—students Colton Jannusch, David Uzzell, and Abbi Simons, with Robert Grindrod (coach). After three days of competition between some of the brightest minds the country has to offer, John Hersey High School took first place in the 2007 National Academic Bowl. The Indiana School for the Deaf came in second, Mountain Lakes High School, third, and Monroe #1 BOCES, fourth. The event brought together the 10 best teams from five regional contests to compete at Gallaudet April 21-24. Dozens of Gallaudet faculty, staff, and students volunteered as coordinators, judges, proctors, moderators, and in many other capacities to make the competition a success. For more information and competition results, go to the Academic Bowl website at ab.gallaudet.edu.



Pictured at an April 17 luncheon hosted by the Career Center for this year's Internship Hall of Fame and Mattivi Award winners are (from left): front row—Dr. Ann Powell, Biology Department chair; Rebecca Lehman and Michelle Sherbondy, award recipients; Anjali Desai-Margolin, employment and internship advisor in the Career Center; Andrea Watson, award recipient; Deborah Krichbaum, associate professor, Family and Child Studies; back row—Stefan Koppi, Career Center director; and Mark Amisssah and Daniel Veit, employment and internship advisors. The award, which includes a \$100 gift certificate to the Bison Shop, goes annually to two or three students who have fulfilled the Career Center's internship program expectations at the highest level. Powell advised Lehman on her internship and Krichbaum advised Watson on hers. (Not pictured: Dr. Stephen Weiner, associate professor, Communication Studies, advised Sherbondy).

GCRC

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community, and received support from the University on community plans."

Also presented with a resolution from the D.C. City Council was Dr. George Boyd, chair of the GCRC board since its inception in 1975.

The theme of this year's awards program was "Valuing the Untapped Human Essence as We Face the Changes and Challenges Ahead." Councilmember Thomas expanded on this theme in an eloquent keynote address in which he noted how the citizens of Ward 5 appreciate the efforts of Gallaudet University, the existence of the GCRC board, and its diligent work.

The ceremony was attended by more than 200 community and University

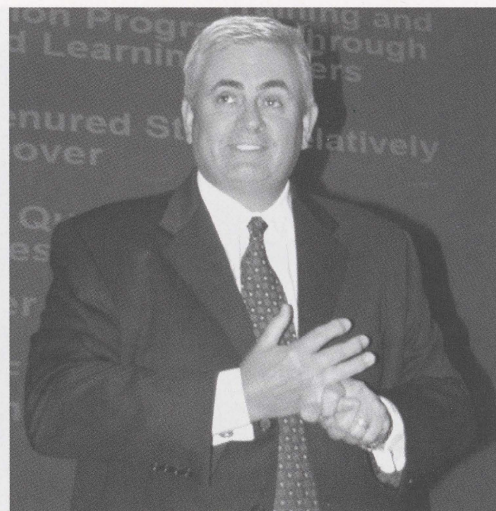
guests. Several University administrators were present, including Dr. Richard Lytle, presidential assistant, Darian Burwell, presidential assistant for diversity relations, Paul Kelly, vice president for administration and finance, and Dr. Michael Moore, interim provost.

Among the award recipients was Mercy Coogan, who recently retired as director of Public Relations after 12 years at the University. She received the Distinguished Member Award for outstanding service to the University and the GCRC.

The Mistress of Ceremonies for the program, Dr. Carolyn McCaskill, associate professor in the ASL/Deaf Studies Department, called Gallaudet "home" and reflected on her years on campus as a student and now a faculty member.



Along with many others, President Davila bid farewell to Director of Public Relations Mercy Coogan (second from left) at her retirement celebration on March 27. Also pictured (from center left) are Coogan's younger son, Dan, husband, Bob, and older son, Mick. Coogan said she looks forward to traveling and spending time with her husband. Looking back on her 12 years at Gallaudet, she said the one word she would never use to describe her experience is "boring."



Craig Miller, president, CEO, and chair of the board of Ruth's Chris Steak House, presented to an economics class on April 11, and shared personal experiences and work philosophy throughout his career in running this group of fine dining establishments. Miller is the father of Bradley Miller, a student who will be graduating next week. Ruth's Chris Steak House is a proud supporter of the Bison athletic program.

Clerc Center Happenings

MSSD brings 'This is a Test' to stage

By Susan M. Flanigan

"This is a test." Do those words conjure thoughts of sweaty palms and clock watching? Come and see how American playwright Stephen Gregg captures a universal experience to which anyone who has taken a test can relate to the anxiety.

MSSD has adapted Gregg's one-act comedy, "This is a Test", into American Sign Language. The play will be performed at Theatre Malz May 3 to 5. Students Rikki DiMaria and Danielle Koplitz direct the all-deaf cast.

"This is a Test" is Gregg's best known work. It is one of the most frequently performed plays at high schools across the country over the past decade. In MSSD's adaptation, the directors have incorporated elements of deaf culture.

As the play begins, the scene is set as the flashing alarm of a clock reminds the main character that he has a short time in which to complete an extremely important predictor of his future. He doesn't even have the review sheets. The teacher seems to hate him, and his class-

mates are blatantly cheating. Time is passing. Images keep popping up in his head reminding him that although he may be having trouble with the test, his personal life is far, far worse. Then he faces the essay question....

What happens next? Come see the performance and find out!

When:

Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m.

Tickets:

\$5—Adults

\$4—College students, senior citizens with I.D.

\$3—MSSD and KDES teachers and staff

\$3—School group rate per person

For ticket reservations, contact Yola Rozynek via email: Yola.Rozynek@gallaudet.edu; phone: (202) 651-5636 (TTY) or (202) 651-5031 (Voice); or fax: (202) 651-5109. ■



John Gardner, a noted author, editor, student retention specialist, and initiator and scholar of the American first-year reform movement, speaks with Judith Termini, First Year Experience co-coordinator, and Krista Brown, a sophomore, during an April 5 meeting with the Foundations of Excellence Steering Committee. Over 120 faculty, staff, and students have been involved in the year-long, self-assessment project. As a result, the evidence-based findings of these teams will be recommended to the President's working teams as Gallaudet moves forward together. During his visit to campus, Gardner also met with President Robert Davila, Interim Provost Michael Moore, College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies Dean Karen Kimmel, First Year Experience Director Catherine Andersen, the undergraduate chairs, and the Council on Undergraduate Education. Gardner is executive director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College in Brevard, N.C., whose signature project is the Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year, described as "a comprehensive, guided self-study and improvement process that enhances an institution's ability to realize its goals for student learning, success, and persistence." According to the policy center's website, Gardner is best known as the initiator of an international reform movement in higher education to call attention to and improve what he originally coined "The Freshman Year Experience" and then renamed "The First-Year Experience."